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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
FIXATION OF A FRACTURED  
BONE  
Art Unit : 3733  
Examiner : Araj, Michael J.  
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**AMENDMENT**

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2006, the term for response to which expires on March 19, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-3, 7, 11, 26-28, 78, 80 and 81 are amended, claims 4-6, 8-10, 79 and 82 are maintained, claims 12-25 and 29-77 are canceled, and claims 83-136 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.